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To provide for a reduction in the number of members of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in Europe unless the European member nations of NATO assume an increased share of the nonpersonnel costs of United States military installations in those nations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARCA of Wisconsin introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. REDUCTION OF UNITED STATES MILITARY**
4 **FORCES IN EUROPE.**

5 (a) END STRENGTH REDUCTIONS FOR MILITARY
6 PERSONNEL IN EUROPE.—Notwithstanding section
7 1002(c)(1) of the National Defense Authorization Act,

1 1985 (22 U.S.C. 1928 note), but subject to subsection (d),
2 for each of the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999,
3 the Secretary of Defense shall reduce the European end
4 strength level of members of the Armed Forces in accord-
5 ance with subsection (b).

6 (b) REDUCTION FORMULA.—

7 (1) APPLICATION OF FORMULA.—If the allied
8 contribution level determined under paragraph (2)
9 for a fiscal year is below the goal specified in sub-
10 section (c) applicable to that fiscal year, the Sec-
11 retary of Defense shall reduce the European end
12 strength level of members of the Armed Forces by
13 10 percent in equal installments over the next four
14 fiscal years. The 10-percent reduction shall be made
15 from the end strength level in effect pursuant to sec-
16 tion 1002(c)(1) of the National Defense Authoriza-
17 tion Act, 1985 (22 U.S.C. 1928 note), as modified
18 by operation of this section, for the fiscal year in
19 which the Secretary determines that such reduction
20 is required.

21 (2) ALLIED CONTRIBUTION LEVEL.—To deter-
22 mine the allied contribution level with respect to a
23 fiscal year, the Secretary of Defense shall calculate
24 the aggregate amount of nonpersonnel costs for
25 United States military installations in European

1 member nations of NATO that are assumed during
2 that fiscal year by such nations, except that the Sec-
3 retary may consider only those cash and in-kind con-
4 tributions by such nations that replace expenditures
5 that would otherwise be made by the Secretary using
6 funds appropriated or otherwise made available in
7 defense appropriations Acts.

8 (3) TERMINATION OF REDUCTIONS.— The Sec-
9 retary shall cease making the reduction required by
10 paragraph (1) for a fiscal year if the allied contribu-
11 tion level is equal to or above the goal specified in
12 subsection (c) applicable to that fiscal year.

13 (c) ANNUAL GOALS FOR FORCE REDUCTION.—In
14 continuing efforts to enter into revised host-nation agree-
15 ments as described in section 1301(e) of National Defense
16 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993 (Public Law 102–
17 484; 106 Stat. 2545) and section 1401(c) of the National
18 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994 (Public
19 Law 103–160; 107 Stat. 1824), the President is urged
20 to seek to have European member nations of NATO as-
21 sume an increased share of the nonpersonnel costs of
22 United States military installations in those nations in ac-
23 cordance with the following timetable:

24 (1) By September 30, 1995, 15 percent of such
25 costs should be assumed by those nations.

1 (2) By September 30, 1996, 30 percent of such
2 costs should be assumed by those nations.

3 (3) By September 30, 1997, 40 percent of such
4 costs should be assumed by those nations.

5 (4) By September 30, 1998, 50 percent of such
6 costs should be assumed by those nations.

7 (d) EXCEPTIONS.—

8 (1) MINIMUM END STRENGTH AUTHORITY.—
9 Notwithstanding reductions required pursuant to
10 subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense may main-
11 tain a European end strength level of members of
12 the Armed Forces of at least 25,000 members of the
13 Armed Forces.

14 (2) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The President or the
15 Secretary of Defense may waive operation of this
16 section in the case of a significant threat to national
17 security, as determined by the President or the Sec-
18 retary. The President or the Secretary shall imme-
19 diately inform Congress of the waiver and the rea-
20 sons for the waiver.

21 (e) ALLOCATION OF FORCE REDUCTIONS.—To the
22 extent that there is a reduction in the European end
23 strength level of members of the Armed Forces in a fiscal
24 year pursuant to subsection (a)—

1 (1) half of the reduction shall be used to make
2 a corresponding reduction in the authorized end
3 strength level for active duty personnel for such
4 Armed Force for that fiscal year; and

5 (2) half of the reduction shall be used to make
6 a corresponding increase in permanent assignments
7 or deployments of forces in the United States or
8 other nations (other than European member nations
9 of NATO) for each such Armed Force for that fiscal
10 year, as determined by the Secretary of Defense.

11 (f) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

12 (1) The term “European end strength level of
13 members of the Armed Forces” means the end
14 strength level of members of the Armed Forces of
15 the United States assigned to permanent duty
16 ashore in European member nations of the North
17 Atlantic Treaty Organization.

18 (2) The term “nonpersonnel costs”, with re-
19 spect to United States military installations in Euro-
20 pean member nations of NATO, means costs for
21 those installations other than costs paid from mili-
22 tary personnel accounts.

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